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For: VULCANIZED RUBBER COMPOSITION
AND ARTICLES MANUFACTURED
THEREFROM

Examiner: R. A. Lee

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW OF JULY 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

At the interview of July 10, 2007 applicant demonstrated a compressed (bolted) rubber diaphragm (as claimed) between a pair of steel plates having one resin (paint) composition on one plate compressed against the rubber composition and a different resin (paint) composition compressed against the rubber composition from the second plate. When unbolted, the Examiner separated the rubber composition from the two plates and observed increased retention of the claimed vulcanized rubber composition where the plasticizer in the rubber composition was compatible with (soluble in) the resin of one paint compared to the resin in which the plasticizer was not sufficiently compatible (soluble in) the resin of the paint.

Examiner Lee agreed that claim 34 as amended in the Supplemental Amendment accompanying RCE filing distinguished over the references of record, but would search further for the plasticizer solubility claim language recently added to claim 34.

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